

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A holding apparatus for holding a vitreous body surgical contact lens, comprising:

eyelid opener portions for pulling and opening an upper eyelid and a lower eyelid;

a holding portion for holding connected to the vitreous body surgical contact lens for holding the vitreous body surgical lens on an-the eyeball; and

a connecting portion for connecting connected to said the holding portion and the eyelid opener portions with said holding portion for the vitreous body surgical contact lens, so that a position of the holding portion relative to the eyelid opener portions and the eyeball is adjustable.

wherein the vitreous body surgical contact lens is held on the eyeball.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 1,

wherein said eyelid opener portions have a structure in which a portion for pulling the upper eyelid and a portion for pulling the lower eyelid are integrated with an elastic portion therebetween.

4. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 1,

wherein said holding portion for the vitreous body surgical contact lens has a shape of a ring.

5. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 1,

wherein said connecting portion is composed of an elastic member.

6. (Original) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 5,

wherein the elastic member is a cord body.

7. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 5,

wherein the elastic member is silicone rubber.

8. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 1,

wherein said holding portion for the vitreous body surgical contact lens has engaging portions engaging with said connecting portion, and

wherein said connecting portion has a hole to be engaged with the engaging portions.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The A holding portion, for holding the a vitreous body surgical contact lens, which is used for the holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 1, comprising:~~

~~engaging portions in at least two positions,~~

~~wherein said holding portion is used by connecting with said eyelid opener portions via said connecting portion which engages with the engaging portions.~~

~~is connected to an eyelid opener portion and pulls an upper eyelid and a lower eyelid to open the upper and lower eyelids through a connecting portion, so that a position of the holding portion relative to the eyelid opener portion and an eyeball is adjustable and the vitreous body surgical contact lens is thereby held on the eyeball.~~

10. (Original) The holding portion for the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 9,

wherein a lower inner circumferential surface of a cylindrical body portion forming said holding portion for the vitreous body surgical contact lens is chamfered following a shape of the eyeball.

11. (Previously Presented) The holding portion for the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 9,

wherein a surface of the cylindrical body portion forming said holding portion for the vitreous body surgical contact lens is frosted.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The A connecting portion used for the holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 1, comprising:~~  
~~a closed loop member for connecting said holding portion for the vitreous body surgical contact lens having elasticity and being capable of connecting said holding portion for the vitreous body surgical contact lens in a semi-fixed state with friction connected to a holding portion for holding a vitreous body surgical contact lens to an eyelid opener portion for pulling an upper eyelid and a lower eyelid to open the upper and lower eyelid, so that a position of the holding portion relative to the eyelid opener portion and an eyeball is adjustable and the vitreous body surgical contact lens is thereby held on the eyeball.~~

13. (Currently Amended) The connecting portion according to claim 12, further comprising:

~~wherein thea closed loop member for connecting said holding portion for the vitreous body surgical contact lens having elasticity and being capable of connecting said holding portion for the vitreous body surgical contact lens in the-a semi-fixed state with friction is a rubber member having a ring shape.~~

14. (Currently Amended) The connecting portion according to ~~claim 12~~claim 13, wherein at least one or more engaging holes for engaging with the engaging portions of said holding portion for the vitreous body surgical contact lens are provided in the closed loop member having ~~the~~a ring shape.

15. (Currently Amended) The connecting portion according to claim 12, wherein a substantially rectangular engaging hole is provided in ~~the~~a closed loop member having ~~the~~a ring shape.

16. (New) The holding portion of the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 9, further comprising an engaging portion engaged with the connecting portion in at least two places.

17. (New) The connecting portion according to claim 12, further comprising a closed loop member for connecting said holding portion for the vitreous body surgical contact lens having elasticity and being capable of connecting said holding portion for the vitreous body surgical contact lens in a semi-fixed state with friction.